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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD: FINAL OPENING OF BIDS

USDOC FOR STEPHEN CONGER

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO/WA

YAOUNDE FOR RDO

REF: LIBREVILLE 0900

1. THIRD AND FINAL BID OPENING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AS SCHEDULED MORNING JULY 29. PRESIDED OVER BY OCTRA DIRECTOR MASSON IT WAS ATTENDED BY REPS OF FED, FRENCH, GERMANY, USG. ALSO PRESENT WERE A NUMBER OF FIRM REPS.

2. BIDS WERE OPENED FOR LOTS 4 AND 3, RESPECTIVELY BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD BED AND LAYING OF THE TRACK. NO U.S. FIRMS BID FOR THESE LOTS. SOUTH AFRICAN FIRM ROBERTS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY APPARENTLY DID NOT SUBMIT A BID.

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3. FOUR GROUPS OF EUROPEAN FIRMS BID FOR LOT 3. ALTHOUGH EACH GROUP SUBMITTED SEVERAL DIFFERENT BIDS, WE HAVE LISTED BELOW ONLY TOP AND LOWEST FIGURES FROM EACH GROUP. COST ESTIMATES VARY WITH TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION SOLUTION OFFERED. ALL BIDS STATED WORK WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN 48 MONTHS AFTER START OF CONSTRUCTION. (COSTS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO US DOLLARS AT RATE 240 CFAF EQUALS ONE DOLLAR.)

A. VAN SPLUNDER'S AANNEMINGMAATSCHAPPIJ BV (HOLLAND), BOURDIN ET CHAUSSE (FRANCE), BOS KALIS WEST MUNISTER GROUP NV (HOLLAND), RAILBOUW BV (HOLLAND), INFRASTRUCTURE DU GABON (GABON-FRANCE).

(1) 62,069,992,000 CFAF -- DOLS 258,625,000

(2) 56,035,185,000 CFAF -- DOLS 233,480,000

B. GRANDS TRAVAUX DE L'EST (FRANCE), HARBOURWORKS (HOLLAND), COLAS (FRANCE), SEROC (CANADA), HELD ET FRANCKE (GERMANY).

(1) 65,978,475,000 CFAF -- DOLS 274,910,000

(2) 53,680,224,000 CFAF -- DOLS 223,668,000

C. STRABAG BAU AG (GERMANY), DUMEZ AFRIQUE (FRANCE), SIMARD-BEAURY (CANADA).

(1) 59,095,315,000 CFAF -- DOLS 246,230,000

(2) 48,481,653,000 CFAF -- DOLS 202,007,000

D. COMPAGNIE DE CONSTRUCTIONS INTERNATIONALES (FRANCE), PHILIPP HALZMANN AG (GERMANY), IMPRESSE ITALIANE ALL'ESTERO-IMPRESIT (ITALY), STIRLING ASTALDI (ENGLAND), SALINI COSTRUTTONI (ITALY), IMPREFER (FRANCE) SOFRA TP FOUGEROLLE SNCT (FRANCE), ENTERPRISE RAZEL (FRANCE), GRUN ET BILFINGER (GERMANY).

(1) 55,868,1620,000 CFAF -- DOLS 232,784,000  
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(2) 42,706,178,975 CFAF -- DOLS 177,942,000

4. DECLAS UPON RECEIPT.COUNTRYMAN

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